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From the light prows that cleared the placid bay, And cool canoas, bathed in blissful airs, Their white plumes rose above the purple quai 'Neath Lima's shouting towers. With ended prayers And swelling hearts that climbed the mountain stairs, And 'neath the vagrant boughs where orchids hung And say-doves cooed, they gazed once more afar On happy sails in melting mists of calms 'Mid quivering condors, pearl and cinnabar, And distant sunlands, shadowy with palms, And cheered again for Maypu's field of war! Their flag uprose, and sunset lit the sea, And then with lonely mien, and prophet's tongue, Spake San Martin, who made three nations free:

II.

"Patriots, I go, and never to return; I seek no honors for the work I've done: Let me but see the sunset ocean burn, And climb once more the Andes of the sun; Three golden empires lift their hands to me With titles, gifts and pomps of kings of old! Did I accept them, I would not be free! I fought for Right; I did not fight for gold. A soldier should not live where he has won; A shaft of living light his fame should be That nought can shade! Farewell, Pacific sky! Farewell, Peru! I go across the sea,—With those who know me not,—to live and die, But free in soul, now that my work is done!

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"And wouldst thou know the secret of my heart? Fate gave these consecrated words to me: 'Thou shalt be what thou oughtst to be.' We part, You to your hills, I to the alien sea.

I must be what in truth I ought to be. The Ought of these strange words divinely given First 'gainst Napoleon's eagles drew my sword, That led my feet to these plateaus of heaven.

Now I descend obedient to that word.

I will be ought—that is my thought.

Those words like heaven's bells I still do hear,
And I must be, Chillanos, what I ought,
And what I ought, as yonder sun is clear,
This sword I ought to sheathe—I do it here!

IV.

"O happy Chili, of Llanios broad!
O bright Peru, whose ilexed temples high
Forever burn beneath the crowns of God!
O Argentina, throned amid the sky!
Our armies made Cordilleran condors fly
From highest peaks; conquistadors we swept
From irised halls of golden Incas old;
It was not I, but you who fought with me!
Your warm tears fall; so I for you once wept,
And drew my sword,—I did it not for gold!"
—They silent stood; the low Pacific burned
In fluent flames as touched the sun the sea;
Then to the hearts he loved as life he turned,
And once again a fond farewell breathed he:

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"To give to others all one has of life,
To seek from others nothing in award;
To turn unpurchased from the field of strife,
For honor sheathe as well as draw the sword:
This is the soldier of the fields of God!
Chillanos, I have shared the soldier's lot,
And slept with him upon the common sward,
And now 'tis best my name should be forgot!
I hold his life to be most wise and strong,
Who seeks advantage for himself no more,
Gives up his will, nor seeks for gold nor song,
Nor love, nor ease, but shuts 'gainst self the door!
'Tis more than rank to be a soldier true!
I only ask a soldier's grave, like you!"